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REC'D 07 NOV 2005 From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY WIPO MICHAEL W. MONTGOMERY 14201 NW 60TH AVENUE MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014 WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1) Date of mailing (day/month/year) FOR FURTHER ACTION Applicant's or agent's file reference See paragraph 2 below CRD5080 PCT0 International application No. International filing date (day/month/year) Priority date (day/month/year) 16 April 2004 (16.04.2004) PCT/US05/12877 16 April 2005 (16.04.2005) International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC(7): A61M 29/00 and US Cl.: 606/200 Applicant CORDIS CORPORATION 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: Box No. I Basis of the opinion Box No. II Priority Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement Box No. VI Certain documents cited Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application 2. FURTHER ACTION If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bts(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered. If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220. 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220. Name and mailing address of the ISA/ US Date of completion of this opinion Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US 18 October 2005 (18.10,2005) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. (571) 273-3201 Telephone No. (703) 308-0858

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